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## Gov. Bredesen to speak at May 13 commencement

UTM breaks record for graduating class with 626 to receive degrees

**Staff Reports** 

UTM commencement will be May 13 with Gov. Phil Bredesen delivering the commencement address.

Set for 11 a.m. in the Elam Center, a record number of graduates has prompted the need for complimentary tickets to organize seating for the event.

Dr. John Petersen, president of the University of Tennessee, will attend the

ceremony to congratulate the 626 spring graduates. UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan will preside over the exercises and confer degrees. Dr. Paul Sharma, UT National Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Service Professor, will be the mace bearer, and the processional marshals will be Dr. Robert LeMaster, faculty senate president; Dr. John Schommer, faculty senate vice president; Al

Hooten, vice chancellor for a picnic finance and administration; and walk and Lenora Solomons, vice chancellor for university advancement.

The University Singers, under the direction of Dr. Mark Simmons, will perform special music and lead the alma mater. Immediately following commencement, a reception will be hosted in Skyĥawk Fieldhouse.

Tickets for commencement will be distributed to graduates May 3 at the university's Grand Finale Walk, an event at which soon-to-be graduates are honored with

tics generally held steady from 2004,

although drug and narcotic viola-

tions increased along with burglary

and larceny. Public Safety reported 46

incidents of liquor law violations both

years. Assault reports decreased from

2005 saw five more incidences of drug

and narcotic violations above 2004, a

46 percent increase. UTM reported 16

drug violations last year. Two years

ago, UTM only reported four incidents;

the three-year trend shows a three-fold

The third most prevalent crime

reported by UTM last year was vandal-

ism, with 36 incidents. Vandalism fol-

lows behind liquor law violations with

Statewide, larceny and theft is the

most common offense on college cam-

puses, although there was a 4 percent

decrease in that category from 2004 to

There was one forcible sex offense

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46 and larceny and theft with 44.

13 to 12 incidences in 2005.

increase in narcotic incidents.

through the quadrangle. A s e c o n d opportunity to receive

tickets



comes later that day when students attend commencement practice. Students who miss these opportunities can secure tickets at the Office of Academic Records. Area residents may pick up two tickets each after May 3 at the Office of Academic

**Bredesen** 

Records while supplies last. Any excess tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at distribution points outside of the Elam Center on commencement day.

"Ticket admission to commencement is a common practice across the country,' said Dunagan. "Growing university enrollment contributed to the need for a change. Under this new system, we will do our best to accommodate as many as possible for this important event."

**Campus Community** 

## Webb to retire after 41 years

**Staff Reports** 

This year Chancellor Nick Dunagan will lose a great asset to his office. Administrative assistant Shelby Webb will be retiring on May 31 after 41 years of service to

UTM. "I have only one regret and that is that I will not be here when my eldest grandson starts college in the

fall," Webb says. When asked what she plans on doing after retiring she says, "Whatever. My husband has been retired for eight years so we can go to the lake and fish, maybe do a little traveling. I have five grandchildren so I can spend time with them, too."

She first began working for the university when she was 23 years old. She started as the secretary to the Dean of Women, and then =

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- Shelby Webb Administrative Assistant

went on maternity leave to have her second child. On returning to the university she worked at the Women's Residence Hall until 1989 when she began working for Dunagan. She has remained with him ever since.

Dunagan describes her, "She's calm, smooth, and she's just wonderful. The university will miss her."

Some of her specific duties are correspondence, scheduling, filing, organizing special events, and answering the phone. She laughs about one phone call, "I have had calls from people telling me the swimming pool is too cold."

"We have mixed emotions. She's such an asset to the office, but it's important to spend time with your family so it's a good move for her," said cowork Dorthy Gillon.

Webb has already started to write a list of advice for the replacement so they will be better prepared to take over.

"There are a lot of fond memories here. The university is a wonderful place to work. It's what we are all about, educating young people."

Kelly Stewart, Becky Parnell and Ashley Mansfield contributed to this report.

## **Crime on Campus**

**SPECIAL REPORT** 

Crime statistics mostly flat from last year's report; upticks seen in larceny, alcohol violations

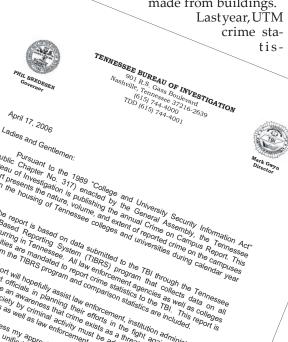
> Will York News Editor

UTM experienced a slight uptick in larceny and theft offenses over 2004, even though the 2005 Crime on Campus report from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation reports continued low rates of other offenses.

The report, released last Thursday, shows 2005 campus crime information for every private and public higher education institution in Tennessee.

The most significant jump came in the total incidences of larceny and theft, where UTM experienced a 33 percent increase from 2004. Public Safety reported 44 incidents of larceny and theft in 2005, up from 33 the previous year. However, the three-year trend shows a lower larceny or theft rate; 2003 saw 73 incidences. Based on enrollment figures submitted by Public Safety, about six students out of 1,000 were affected by larceny or theft last

Of those thefts, most were made from buildings. tis-



#### **UTM: 2005 Crime Statistics Sex Offenses (Forcible) Assault Offenses** 12 **Burglary/Breaking & Entering** 7 Larceny/Theft Offenses 44 **Motor Vehicle Theft** 2 **Fraud Offenses** Destruction/Damage/Vandalism 36 **Drug/Narcotic Violations** 16 **Weapon Law Violations** 2 **Disorderly Conduct** 6 **Driving Under the Influence** 5

**Drunkenness Liquor Law Violations** 46 **All Other Offenses** 9 SOURCE: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation "2005 Crime on Campus Report"

## 'Steady state' the goal for sustainable environment

News Editor

Dr. Brian Czech of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and president of the Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy was the keynote speaker for last week's Earth Week celebration, sponsored by the American Democracy Project.

Czech discussed the mounting conflict between economic growth and environmental protection, along with the role of the international diplomacy in establishing what he coins a "steady state economy" his Thursday night lecture.

Czech, a conservation biologist



by trade, said economic growth is

inherently dangerous to the world

and that a less-polluting steady

state economy, an economic model

that defies conventional economic

thought, is necessary to stave off

runaway pollution and the eventual

collapse of the world economy.

"The answer is a steady state revolution ... It's about replacing the national goal of economic growth with the goal of a steady state."

> **Brian Czech** U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Czech advocates a concept he calls "ecological economics," which applies the rules of the natural world to economics.

"Ecological economics deals with scale, distribution, allocation of resources through the laws of thermodynamics and the principles of ecology," Czech said. "Ecologists are the economists of nature."

A steady state economy, Czech said, is a economic system that allows neither for growth nor recesion. Steady state economists say that individuals' standard of living generally would improve under a steady state economy, but that the top 1 percent of consumers would experience a reduction in their standard of living. Czech advocates the elimination of the "liquidating class," those who consume too much. Ideally, a steady state economy would eliminate poverty, Czech

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**Our View** 

### **Editorial:** Still for the students, by the students

t is often hard to classify student media organi-Lzations. They operate much like any other group on campus, yet they also provide a public service. In most cases, entire curricula are built around student involvement, yet they are at the heart a business that depends on ad sales and underwriting in order to persist.

Most of us are paid to do our work, yet there is a certain component of learning that makes up for our wages' shortcomings. Our working relationship with the Communications department keeps us on the cutting edge of the industry, as well as empowering individual students to seek careers in a wide variety of fields.

The goals of the student media and university leaders are ultimately the same: the advancement of our microcosm of society toward lofty ideals and mutual successes. As observers, we have the benefit of hindsight, and are quick to shed light when those ideals are not truly met. College administrators across the country wrestle

with the notion that they support student groups that are not always supportive in return.

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Every week, our newspaper staff strives to put forth the news that UTM cares about. Moreover, we strive to disseminate information that the campus community needs to know, no matter how unpleasant it may be to some. It comes down to the strong desire for unified success by refusing to ignore the problems.

While over the years the motto "For the students, by the students" has disappeared from our official nameplate, it does not change that we are committed to UTM. We have done much in our first 77 years of that commitment, and look forward to a bright

As observers, we recognize that our work is under the microscope more so than subjects on which we report. Our efforts are far from perfect, but we are and have always been accountable to the campus community.

We are your student newspaper.

Tomi Parrish, adviser to the UTM yearbook as well as this publication, has authored a letter to the campus community in regards to the publication and upcoming distribution of the yearbook. It is available on our Web site at http://pacer.utm.edu/3126.htm

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#### **Letters to the Editor**

#### **Generosity' not meant to** hurt candidate's chances

This letter is in response the editorial that appeared in *The Pacer* on April 18, 2006 ("Editorial: Is the search for show?"). The L.E.A.D. Academy

asked The Pacer to do an article outlining the details of the "This Is Your Life" event, but instead an editorial appeared that seems to misconstrue the facts. Since no member of the L.E.A.D. Academy was contacted by The Pacer concerning the details surrounding the This Is Your Life Event, we as the Coordinator and Fundraising Supervisor for the L.E.A.D. Academy would like to clear the misconceptions set forth by *The* Pacer. Furthermore, we are distressed that The Pacer, a student organization itself, chose not to support a fellow organization in the promotion and facilitation

of an event. This event was not intended to be an endorsement for David Belote's candidacy for Vice Chancellor of Student The L.E.A.D. Affairs. approached Academy Mr. Belote with this idea in late July of 2005. Mr. Belote kindly agreed to be our first guest, in an event that the L.E.A.D. Academy plans to make as an annual fundraiser. At this time, Mr. Belote had not submitted his application for the Vice Chancellor position, and he, nor any member of the L.E.A.D. Academy, could foresee the search spanning into April of 2006.

As the Spring semester

approached, and Mr. Belote realized the timing of the event, he wanted to cancel his involvement with the event. But since the event had been in the planning stages since July, and David understood the educational value of the event, he allowed the L.E.A.D. Academy to continue with the planned event.

So to set the record straight, the L.E.A.D. Academy did not put this event together to endorse David Belote, rather David Belote endorsed the L.E.A.D. Academy by allowing us to have the event. David is an advocate of leadership and UTM. This is evident in the passion he has for his career. Furthermore, no member of the L.E.A.D. Academy serves on the search committee for the Vice Chancellor position, and no member of the search committee is attending the event. So our event has no bearing on the selection of the new Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. However, we do feel that the editorial in The Pacer has compromised the opinions of those who do serve on the search committee. We do not want David's generosity to hinder his chances of becoming the next Vice Chancellor of

> Laura Humphrey Coordinator Student Organizations/L.E.A.D. Academy

Student Affairs.

**Dustin Summers** L.E.A.D. Academy Fundraising Supervisor

#### What ever happened to the freedom of speech?

I'm curious as to what civil rights are left for us after our freedom of speech is tampered with. ("Public Safety: Students may be liable for online comments", April 18) The internet is a way for people to express themselves freely, isn't it?

I myself keep a blog that I write in to tell my friends about what's going on in my life. How is it harassment if my roommate annoys me and I type up, "she's being such a \*blank\* today"?

I suppose it could be construed as harassment, but then what? I'll be arrested for calling her a dirty word if it hurts her feelings?

How is that fair? I use words as a catharsis, even if it involves, dare I say it, curse words and the use of someone's name along with

If I can't express myself online about something without the fear of being fined or arrested, do tell me what I should watch out for next. I do understand that there is a line that can be crossed online, but just for calling someone a dirty word when they're mad someone?

I hope I'm not the only one who sees that as an injustice against one of the amendments people tend to hold most dear.

> Kim Gibson English *Fayetteville*



Elaine Wilson Staff Columnist

### Women can fight with the best of them

Okay ladies; let me ask you a question. What would you do if a man you didn't know knocked on your door and offered to give you a free breast exam? Would you: A. Let him in and let him do his thing or B. Raise hell and call the cops?

Stupid question, I know. But believe it or not, that actually happened in Florida recently, and what's worse, some women actually let the guy in. Florida must be the only state in the union where doctors make unannounced house calls, and heck, he doesn't have to be your own doctor, or for that matter, a doctor at all. At least that's the only explanation that I can come up with to explain the fact that several women allowed a 73-year-old man that they didn't know to come into their homes and examine them.

Now, I just don't see that going over well here. For one thing, I have yet to meet any Southern woman who isn't well versed in the use of her fingernails, knees, and elbows to dissuade potential perverts. I won't even mention the various other weapons we possess. We tend to learn these things early in life. Our mommas and daddies make sure of that.

If for some reason we can't handle it alone, we just yell and our gal pals come running. We women may have our cat fights from time to time but we also stick together, and no woman will pass up the chance to give a good beating to some fool who so justly deserves it. It must be all that pent-up frustration and PMS that we carry around.

To top it off, fathers, brothers, boyfriends, and husbands tend to take a negative view of sexual perverts. Go figure. Maybe it goes back to caveman days but men are territorial and possessive toward the women in their lives. They also like to keep their hunting skills fresh.

Supposedly, Florida is a Southern state. Maybe they put something in the water down there to dull the senses. This summer if you're vacationing in Florida, just to be on the safe side, don't drink the water. And have a great summer!

### Greek life not a Wal-Mart for friends and experiences

This is the final issue of the spring semester. We will resume printing Aug. 29, 2006

If you are a member of a sorority I know that you have heard the phrase "You are buying your friends." Well, to the members of the sorority their membership in their greek group is a big part of their college experience.

So what does being a member of a sorority really mean?

From a nonmember's viewpoint, it might mean that the school wanted to provide a whole new understanding of the word "clique". However, from a sorority member's point of view, membership gives you a certain social standing in the school's student body, it recognizes you with a new group of people that



Kayla Petty Guest Columnist

you now call your sisters, and it may even dictate the way that other people and groups may look at you.

Does it mean, though, that you are necessarily "buying" your friendship with the other members of the sorority?

The answer is no, it doesn't. Being a member of a greek group is a special and important part of college to many students. If you leave the group, some of its members might stop

talking to you. If that's the situation, then those certain members weren't true friends to begin with. By being in a sorority you actually learn the meaning of a real friendship and how important it is to have friendships in your life.

Rush for young women is at the beginning of the next Fall semester. If you think that you would like to be a member of a sorority, then you should go through and see for yourself what sororities really mean to their members.

If you decide to join, you will learn several things about situations in life as well as about you and the friendships that you have and are going to make.

Joining also will teach you who your real friends are, even though you might have to pay money for most of the things that you do with them.

However, while it's fine to be greek, it's also great to be yourself and join other organizations. Whether you "go greek" or stay independent, the important part of college is that you get involved with groups that offer you a chance to truly be yourself and make a difference.

Follow your heart and enjoy every minute of your collegiate experience. You only get to do this once.

## Home is where you learn to sail the ship for what waters lie ahead

Five years ago I was amazed by the environment created by Dr. Jerald Ogg, Jane Ogg, Stan Seiber, Steve Vantrease, Tomi McCutchen, and Robert Nanney. Then, they were my Governor's School professors. Now, they are my best friends, my mentors and my surrogate mothers. So much has happened between that 2001 experience and now. I wouldn't trade any of it.

Some of us often mock the phrase, "Get involved." But joining University Scholars, SigEp and working with The Pacer has led me to find lifelong friends that I would never have met had I not followed the advice. My favorite time of the year is still working with the Governor's School program. It is a true blessing to have the opportunity of shaping the lives of young people and seeing them reach their own goals and live their own passions.

I am going to miss my coworkers at The Pacer and everything about the communications department.

Ms. Tomi's crazy stories about Alabama will forever echo in my head along with Professor Norton screaming, "Push that positive button!" I never thought that Reese's cups could bring so much satisfaction to so many students. It should come as no surprise though, because the one who buys the Reese's knows the recipe to make any student's day brighter.

I was employed at The Pacer before I even set foot on campus and I hope my



**Kevin Teets** Senior Reporter

next job has the traits that have made *The Pacer* so special to me (a quote board, a wall of typos, six and sex, territorial sports lines, gaping holes to be filled, Britta filter boxes, Eric's drawings, messy desks, a noisy fan, conversations that could never be repeated, chairs

that can't fly and some of the finest people I have gotten to know.)

I will miss the Oreo cows, Soybean festivals, rodeos, Gooch, The Pub, The Hole, trips to Paw Paw Michigan, prank calling a billboard, road trips and being in love with a scripter.

To my friends that are not graduating, I wish you the best: especially Jay, Pope and JoJo.

Drew, I am thinking about Cinco De Mayo and pondering the novels that we could write. I thank Maxey, Lankford, Baggett, Crouch, Rhodes and Stacie for the times we've shared.

I will end with a quote from Hunter S. Thompson that just makes sense. "If I'd written all the truth I knew, about 600 people including myself - would be rotting in prison cells from Rio to Seattle today."

UTM has not always been a place of smooth sailing for me. But it has been a place where I have learned how to sail my ship. And it will forever be a place that I proudly call home.

## The L's of college: live, learn, love, leave

stood on the Skyhawk football field after the Blue and Orange Game. I hugged players and talked to the coaches. After a few minutes it hit me: This is the last time I will stand on this field. I actually had to fight back the tears. It's not that I'm emotionally attached to Skyhawk football ... OK, so I am. But I started to realize how attached I am to this university as a whole.

I wasn't supposed to end up at UTM just like others out there. I was supposed to go to UK. But after a few changes in plans and a few visits to Martin, I did end up here. I can honestly say that it was *the* best decision I ever made.

Anyone who knows me and hell, even people who don't, know that I am one of the biggest cheerleaders for this campus.

I can't begin to sum up



Amy **Eddings** Sports Editor

four years in 400 words; I would need 4 million to describe my experiences here. I have lived, loved and lost more than I could have ever dreamed of. I honestly cannot imagine my life not having been a Skyhawk. More so than high school, these have been the best years of my life.

I won't know what to do with myself when I leave Martin. No more Pub ... no more Pacer ... no more peo-

ple that I love so much... It's inevitable that I'll forget things and people, but I'm going to try my best to not forget what's important. The lessons I've learned here are ones that real world:

If you want something done, get up and do it.

(Skyhawk Nation.) If you have an idea everyone thinks is crazy, ask around. Someone else won't think its crazy, too. It's amazing what you can accomplish together (Ball

Crawl 2006). You'll argue with people about the strangest stuff but at the end of the day, leave it in the office and go grab a beer... or drive to Panama City (Kevin).

No matter the consequences, give everything you've got and don't be afraid to take a risk for what you want. You might get your heart broken, but you might miss out on something spectacular too... 10 mostly wonderful months in my case (M.W.).

Part of me wishes I could stay in Martin just a little

to leave with no more idea of what I want to do as a "grown-up" than when I got here, it's only appropriate that I turn to Tennessee for wisdom.

"There is a time for departure even when there's no certain place to go,' Tennessee Williams said. And so depart, somewhat reluctantly, I must.

Not to give my PEP leader speech, but to those I leave behind, please make the most of your time in Martin. You will get out what you put in. If you put in everything, you'll get everything. I can say I've experienced all Martin has to offer and it's made me the person I am, for the most part, proud to be today.

For one of the last times... U-T-M! I've loved it! I've loved it! I've loved it!

GO SKYHAWKS!

## Finding some wisdom from 'OI' Blue Eyes'

Let's begin with a piece of pop culture trivia. À song, titled "Comme

d'habitude," was penned French songwriters Claude François and Jacques Revaux. You may know it by its more popular title "My Way" as sung by Frank Sinatra. Even Elvis Presley gave it a go much later in his career.

Then again, given that the song was first produced in 1969, I probably lost the better part of our readers by the second paragraph.

Sinatra didn't like the song much even though many considered it his signature. Even so, it really speaks a lot for the way most of us are feeling right now as we part ways with the university and this office. While none of us are dying, we've got a lot of memories behind us that we'll never again be able to recapture.

The three other faces on this page each played an integral part in our success over the last four years. It would be an entirely different newspaper without

College is a time of constant flux. Just ask any of your professors. As people disappear, new faces are



Stephen Yeargin Executive Editor

right there to pick up right where we left off. I am ultimately confident that the same can be said for the future of this newspaper. It has not always been

easy, but little in life ever is easy. I am proud of what we were able to do here, and look forward to what comes next both for each of the graduates as well as the "Best College Newspaper in the South.'

So raise a glass tonight, whether it is in celebration of our accomplishments, or to cheer our long-awaited departure. We'll be right there with you.

"Regrets, I've had a few / But then again, too few to mention / I did what I had to do and saw it through without exemption / I planned each charted course, each careful step along the byway / And more, much more than this, I did it my way"

## Subject to change, especially college careers

Graduation is merely days away, thus meaning that the real world is not far behind. As the time approaches, those of us who are seniors cannot help but fall into a sense of nostalgia and think back to what will soon be referred to as "the good ole days."

As I was sitting with a group of close friends at the Pub last week, we all recounted the great times we have had during our college days along with the lessons learned along the way. Some of those lessons were learned in a classroom but most were learned as we did our best to live "the total collegiate experience."

If you were like me as a freshman, you had a plan for college knowing exactly what you wanted to be when you graduated and nothing you thought could change that.

Well, when I got to UTM I

was a political science major on the golf team who had aspirations of becoming a campaign manager the likes of James Carvel and making a profound impact on the Tennessee political

In my first month of college I learned not only the wonders of a random first year roommate who only makes it three weeks before dropping out, but that most importantly all previous plans I had for my life were subject to change.

As I traveled down the collegiate road I ventured onto many new paths and experienced new things that taught me something at every stop; whether it was being a part of SGA, leading a new PEP group each year, playing intramurals, many internships, the covering sports for The Pacer or photographing so many athletic and campus friends that I will keep



Maxey Photographer

events. I now find myself approaching the end of this road full of memories not a changed person, but a more complete one.

I got that political science degree I originally planned for, but also added a communications degree and travel & tourism minor. While some of it was just for fun and to delay the inevitable graduation, it actually was that I could

not make up my mind. Although I learned a great deal from the many classes and events, nothing taught me near as much as the people I met along the way. Some have become great

forever and others it is just a fact of life I may never see again. Regardless, each will have a special place in my heart.

Hopefully during my time here I have made some contributions to make it a better place. Like any good institution though, it will continue on as myself and memories of the 2006 graduating class begin to fade. I can assure you though that the lessons of life I learned here will never fade. They will carry me through my new career ambitions and guide me as I take these first steps into the real world.

Before I go though, I urge you "don't make those a priority who only make you an option," and I leave with you a few phrases that have come to mean so much to me. Play hard but Pray harder, always vote, "1331" and GO SKYHAWKS!

## **Congratulations**



-From the office of Student Publications

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Hebert

ence been like at ÛTM thus far?

It's a beautiful campus, really a nice facility. I have been very impressed. I really like the green space that the campus has been able to maintain. Sometimes when you grow you sac-

rifice green space for parking lots, but I think this campus has done a good job of maintaining the green space.

#### What do you think the biggest challenge is that is facing student affairs?

I think we are going to have to learn how to deal with technology. If you are communicating in person there are a lot of cues that you pick up. If you are communicating electronically, you don't always pick up those cues and it's very difficult to read people that you are talking with. I think another thing is going to be financial aide, because higher education is not getting any cheaper anywhere. We have to continue to look for ways for students to afford an education.

#### What is your attitude toward student discipline?

My philosophy is for discipline to be fair, consistent and educational.

What is the ideal rela-

What has your experi-tionship between student affairs and academic affairs?

> We don't' always want to admit it, but students are here for an education. My role as a vice chancellor is to work with other folks on campus to make sure students get that education. Some of that is out of class learning. I have

done things like working with faculty when students have difficulties and helping students learn how to navigate. Faculty are a very crucial parts of the committee that we operate.

#### How do you balance being in an administrative role and still being on

the ground with students? This is my life's work. You have to be approachable and be available and utilize the staff and student leaders that you have to get your programs going. As an administrator I need to make sure that I do my homework and that I get good information.

#### What have you done that relates to promoting diversity and enhancing the lives of minority and international students?

When I was in Louisiana I was blessed to be working with international students for the first time. We would do things like dinners at my house and take tours in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. ...

## Dr. Gary Gaston

Gaston

**What student affairs** We want these people to be experience do you have right now?

I have a lot of years in student affairs, most recently as vice chancellor of student affairs at a two year school. Prior to that I was at the University of Arkansas at Monticello where I

supervised a broad arrange of areas. I have enjoyed working in student services all these years. It is a great area in terms of helping students and seeing them being successful.

#### What are the biggest challenges facing student affairs?

Student affairs is working with students outside the classroom and caring about them in their totality. We have interests in all aspects of the students' development. Two areas that I have a concern are one, substance abuse. Students have a long history with problems with substance abuse, primarily alcohol. Trying to educate students to the problems is a concern that I have and I have worked with that at a number of institutions where I have been. In addition, an area that is not high on a lot of campuses is the moral development of students. Our students should understand the moral and ethical challenges that they will be facing. We are dealing with the future leaders of our world.

concerned about the environment and the welfare of others.

> What is your attitude toward student discipline? have

involved in discipline for a lot of years. That was the area that I started in with student affairs.

I believe that student discipline is important for the campus in two main areas. One, we have a responsibility to help our students grow and be good citizens in the community.

#### What is your management and leadership style?

I am a big believer in team leadership. I am a believer in the Myers-Briggs model that holds that everyone brings a unique set of skills and personalities to the table. The team that can make the most use of this diversity is the team that is going to be the most successful. I encourage people to bring their strengths and their interests and use these to serve the common goals.

#### Should a state school involve itself in teaching morality?

I don't want to define the position that students should take but realize that so many of the students that we make have moral implications. ...

## Dr. Leroy Durant

Durant

affairs?

What experience do you have in student affairs and what is the biggest chal-

lenge that faces the division of student affairs?

I have roughly 15 years of experience as chief student affairs officers at various universities. One of the challenges that I see is for student affairs to understand

the students that come to campus year after year. The students bring different issues year after year. The division has to look at resources that the division may have to serve the students.

#### Give us an idea of your philosophy toward student discipline.

It really depends on the situation. I believe students come to the institution to obtain knowledge. At times you have to walk with students to teach them wrong from right. Sometimes you have to discipline severely and suspend from the university. I am a disciplinarian. I believe in discipline. I encourage students to take a look at the handbook.

#### What is your management and leadership style?

I believe in participation management. I use individuals within the division to make sound decisions. I do not believe in micro management. I am a person who believes in staff development very heavily.

How would you balance the administrative roles of

the position and be with students? You have to be

able to manage your time and realize that the job is not eight to five. You have to go to student meetings and organizations.

What is the ideal relationship between stu-

dent affairs and academic

They should work together to develop the whole student. They must work hand in hand because it is never an academic issue or a student affairs issue. I know that student affairs areas have to collaborate with academic affairs.

#### Why did you apply for this position?

I looked at the mission of the institution. The mission is similar to where I am currently. I said that this is the place where I would like to get an opportunity to interview and hopefully get hired.

#### What are your hobbies and passions?

I have a passion in soccer. I run a lot and I believe in running to stay healthy. I am an every-day person. When you see me you don't have to wonder who I am. ... I am for students.

Check out the Pacer Online Edition for updates on Thursday's interview with Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs candidate David Belote.

### **History professor named** spring featured scholar



Dr. David Coffey, center, chair of the UTM Department of History and Philosophy, was recently named the featured scholar for the spring semester. Coffey joined the UTM faculty in 2001 and teaches classes in military, U.S. and Latin American history. He has contributed to eight major historical reference works and is associate editor of two awardwinning, three-volume projects. Joining Coffey at a reception are Chancellor Nick Dunagan, right, and Dr. Tom Rakes, provost.

## Day of Silence to remember hate victims

**Bessie Cherry** Staff Writer

group, encourages UTM students and faculty to participate in and support tomorrow's Day of Silence.

"We, along with nearly 4,000 other schools and colleges nation-wide, will be participating," says, Morgan Greenhaw, the president of Allies.

The Day of Silence is observed to remember gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people who have been abused, bullied or killed because of their sexual orientations..

Members of Allies will begin observing the memorial at 8 a.m. by not speaking or vocalizing in any fashion until the campus clock chimes at 6 p.m. "We will not speak in

honor of those who have Allies, UTM's peace and been killed in hate-related equality advocacy student crimes. Because they are not able to speak, we will not speak in remembrance of them," Greenhaw says.

After the 10 hour silence, a "Breaking of Silence" rally will be held in the Quad at Centennial Park in which briefly, whistles will be blown, and students will resume speaking. Immediately after breaking the silence, there will be a non-denominational invocation and a candle-light vigil to remember victims of hate crimes.

The Day of Silence will come to a close with UTM students and faculty members making reading poetry and other brief pieces of literature in commemora-



tion of the day.

Allies members will also have materials on hand advocating against discriminating against people because of sexual orienta-

"We hope all UTM students, faculty and staff will observe the Day of Silence to stop the hate and end the silence," Greenhaw says.

He also encourages the campus community to be respectful toward people

participating in Day of Silence, as Greenhaw says keeping the silence will already be difficult for college students to do.

Nationally, the Day of Silence is sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, and that organization anticipates 2006's Day of Silence to be the largest to date. This year marks the 10th Day of Silence.

"The tremendous numbers of students who take part in the Day of Silence is cause for celebration and a loud message from America's students that we must work harder to ensure safe and effective schools for every child, says GLSEN founder Kevin Jennings.

## <u> Campus Bulletin Board</u>

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer\_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

#### Grad school guidance

The Office of Counseling and Career Services has free copies of the Graduate School Guide, a comprehensive guide to professional and advanced degree programs in the United States and Canada. Copies are available in UC 213.

#### Allies

UTM's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual social and activist group, will meet at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday in Sociology 102.

#### **HYPE**

The Holy Young People Empowered group will present "Hype Nite VI" at 7 p.m. April 28 and 4 p.m. April 29 at Southside Baptist Church, 120 South Avenue. The April 28 program will focus on children and their obstacles, and April 29 activities will feature "Dance Like David." Admission is free.

#### Financial aid

The Financial Aid Office has Perkins loan money still available for the spring and summer semesters. If you are interested in receiving Perkins loans, stop by the Financial Aid Office.

#### Charity car wash

Alpha Omicron Pi is hosting a car wash to support the Relay for Life and research funded by the Arthritis Foundation. The car wash will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 29 at the Martin Wal-Mart. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 on the day of the car wash.

#### Literary reading

The UTM English Department will be holding a literary reading at 6 p.m., April 27, in the Tennessee Room of the Holland McCombs Honors Center.

#### **Campus Crossfire**

The Student Activities Council is hosting a Campus Crossfire, "Meet Your New SGA" at 7 p.m. April 27 in the Legislative Chambers (UC 111).

#### **Tutors** needed

The Student Success Center is making a call for tutors for all courses. The center asks interested people to fill out an information card at the center, located in Clement 221.

#### Voices of the South

"Voices of the South" will be presented Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Lab Theater (Fine Arts 127). Tickets are sold at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students.

## **Area-wide Chemistry Day to feature American Chemical Society leader**

at the 29th Annual Area Collegiate Chemistry meeting, April 29, at the UC.

Students and faculty from other colleges and universities will participate in this annual meeting, hosted by the UTM

Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS). The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. with research papers presented by students from several area colleges. A banquet is planned at 1 p.m.

This year, three local sections of ACS - Kentucky Memphis and Nashville - are hosting Industry-Academe Interaction for Green Chemistry program sponsored under auspices of an Innovative Projects Grant from the Local Section Activities Committee (LSAC). Panelists will be Dr. Greg Mitchell, DuPont Butler, American Ordnance University

Chemical LLC, Milan Arsenal; Dr. Professor of Chemistry President-elect Robin Rogers, University Dr. Catherine Hunt will of Alabama; and Dr. for Green Manufacturing serve as keynote speaker James Mack, University of Cincinnati.

Hunt graduated from Smith College with honors in chemistry. received She a doctorate in chemistry from the University California, of Davis. As a

Hunt postdoctoral felchapter of the Student low at Yale University in molecular biophysics and biochemistry, she extended her working knowledge of nuclear magnetic resonance to biological systems.

Mitchell received his doctorate in synthetic organometallic chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley. After two years of postdoctoral work at Northwestern University, he accepted a position with DuPont Central Research Development in Wilmington, Del. Rogers obtained both his bachelor's degree and doctorate in chemistry at the University of Alabama. Currently, in New Johnsonville; Keith he is a Distinguished Research

and director of the Center at UA. Butler received his master's degree in inorganic chemistry from the University of Memphis. He began his career as a formulations chemist for Delta Foremost Chemical Co. in Memphis, before joining American Ordnance, the contracting operator for the Milan Arsenal. Mack is an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Cincinnati. He is a physical organic chemist with research interests in the areas of solid state synthesis, polyaromatic hydrocarbons and host-guest chemistry. After receiving an undergraduate degree from Middlebury College, he was a doctoral scholar at the University of New Hampshire. He earned his doctorate studying Diels-Alder reactions of fullerenes with various linear acenes. After completing his degree in 2000, he was a post-doctoral fellow at Boston College, developing rational syntheses of unique

fullerenes and nanotubes.



The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

1:15 p.m., April 17

Subject reported damage to their vehicle possibly caused by another vehicle. Report on file.

1:43 p.m., April 19 Cooper Hall

Subject reported theft of property from their room (investigation contin-

2:43 p.m., April 19

Vehicle towed because of excessive amount of parking tickets.

9:17 a.m., April 20

Vehicle towed because of excessive amount of parking tickets.

11:08 a.m., April 20 University St.

Bonnie B. Moore was issued a citation

for speeding (City Court).

11:21 p.m., April 21 **University Courts** 

Report of a subject who had injured themselves. Subject was transported to hospital. Report on file.

10:22 p.m., April 22 **University Village** 

Report of a fire in one of the apartments. Martin Fire Department and officers responded . The fire was extinguished prior to their arrival.

11:04 a.m., April 23 **Lot 19** 

Subject reported damage to his motorcycle (investigation continues).

3:19 p.m., April 23 **Ellington Hall** 

Subject reported the theft of their property (investigation continues).

### **Mayor announces Martin hotel deal**

**Patrick Watkins** Staff Writer

Friends and family of UTM students will no longer have to stay at the older Days Inn or Econo Lodge if a proposed plan to build a new hotel in Martin is approved.

Room Masters Inc. of Bardstown, Ky., has presented a plan to the city of Martin to build a Hampton Inn off Haws Road and is currently seeking approval from the city planning commission, Martin Mayor Randy Brundige said.

The proposed \$3-to-4 million hotel would have 67 rooms and will stand three stories high. It will also carry a modern Hampton Inn appearance Brundige said.

Brundige said having another hotel in the city would help UTM. Brundige added that it will also help to bring in other

businesses into the community, such as a 24-hour restaurant which he said would benefit the students of UTM and residents

Pending approval from the city planning commission, the plans then go before the state fire marshal which will take around 1 to 3 months, Brundige said.

Brundige added that neither a construction or completion date has been set yet, because they are still in the preliminary stages of planning.

According to Brundige this is the first proposed hotel in Martin in over 20 years. If approved, construction is likely to begin in the early summer.

Even if construction happens on time, it is unclear if the chain-affiliated hotel would be open by the beginning of Fall 2006 classes.

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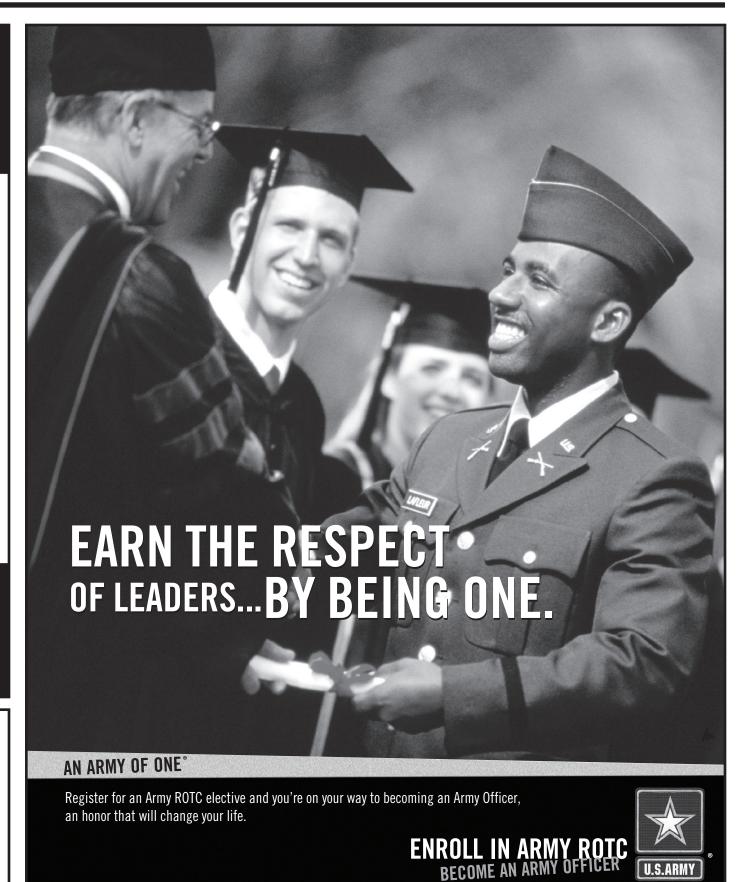
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### **Study: Many uninformed on disaster procedures**

**Staff Reports** 

UTM lies in a seismic zone and already has suffered from storm season this year.

However, are students, faculty, staff and administrators truly prepared for a large-scale disaster?

One Communications class asked that question last fall and conducted a pilot study to find some answers. What the class found was that while the adminis-

tration continually works to update UTM's emergency response plan, most students who were surveyed do not know what the university's guidelines are for disasters or crises.

Students also overwhelmingly reported that they do not have an emergency kit in their residences, and believe the administration is responsible for ensuring the campus community is informed of disaster procedures.

Faculty, staff and administrators who were polled mostly demonstrated confidence in the university's emergency response plan, which is supposed to be updated every two years.

Both students and employees believe UTM is more likely to suffer from a natural disaster -- not terrorism -- and a large majority of all who were surveyed said they would stay and help if needed with relief

Meanwhile, check out a new Web link -- "UT Martin Alerts" -- on the UTM home page. Plenty of "staysafe" information also is available from Public Safety, weather.com, ready.gov, redcross.org and getprepared.org.

For complete pilot study results, see the Pacer Online at pacer.utm.edu

#### **Crime:** Continued from Cover

reported last year, but none were reported in 2004.

Public Safety Director Richard Hatler doesn't think Public Safety is solely to credit for continued low overall crime rates. Rather, Hatler attributes university recruiting to making a safe "It seems like the students coming here now are far more responsible and mature than students were six or seven years ago," Hatler says

Hatler also praises Student Affairs and hall directors for maintaining what he sees as an appropriate

enforcement policy.

"It isn't just about punishment," he says. "It's about encouraging what is right."

Hatler points out Martin's crime rate is lower than in other cities with similar institutions as UTM.

The most significant statewide change in 2005 was

the increase of drug and narcotic offenses, which increased nearly 27 percent overall.

A total of 8,541 offenses were reported to the TBI in 2005, a decrease of 2.3 percent from the previous year.

#### **Earth Week:** Continued from Cover

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Czech said that land and natural resources cannot be separated from the economy, and that there is a limit to economic growth. However, modern economic theory posits that there is no limit to economic growth.

Czech and his organization advocate a worldwide steady state revolution, which he says is outlined in his book, "Shoveling Fuel for a Runaway Train: Errant Economists, Shameful Spenders and a Plan to Stop Them All."

Czech said the current economic system is "bloated" and "irresponsible," and that through supranational organizations like the U.N., "liquidating" countries that consume too much, like the U.S. and Japan, would be reigned in by worldwide boycotts, tariffs, ecological footprint taxes and embargoes.

A lot of consumption by

"liquidators" is to boost their self-esteem, Czech said. "People in that class just try to display their wealth," Czech said. "We have to be on guard against that."

"The worldwide revolution," Czech said, "would be academic and social, peaceable, not pacifistic. It uses the model of the abolition of child labor and abolition of smoking." He said neoclassical economics should no longer be taught in learning institutions.

However, Czech admitted that "The devil is in the details as far as how to constigate the liquidating class."

While Czech admitted in a post-9/11 world it may be difficult, if not impossible, to spark a revolution, he said consumers should still be mindful of excessive consumption and take efforts to curb their consumption.

Philip Young, UTM busi-

ness professor and Hendrix Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise, says Czech is certainly outside of the conventional and widely accepted body of economic thought.

"He believes in some kind of planned economy," Young says. "They pretty much fail."

Young says most economists believe that the market determines what's best for the economy, not a contrived plan.

Furthermore, Young disagrees with Czech's idea of imposing tariffs on highly consuming countries.

"Impediments to trade almost always result in less efficient combinations of resources," he says. "Free trade reduces our costs and contributes to a better standard of living for everybody."

Young also believes Czech's concern with pollution is alarmist; Young says there is no real proof that global warming exists, despite calls from most scientists that Earth is warming at an alarming rate and that humans are affecting the global climate.

"I don't think global warming is anything to worry about," Young says. "We may be producing more carbon dioxide than anyone else, but is that bad?"

To decrease dependence on dwindling oil supplies, Young advocates increasing reliance on nuclear power and a resurrection of a nationwide electric rail for freight transit. He also doesn't believe that the United States should hold corporations to strict pollution controls.

"For the most part, the U.S. is clean," Young says. "We should be focusing on bringing other countries, like China and India, up to our level."

# SGA ends semester, acknowledges Senate accomplishments

**Will York** News Editor

The last meeting of the 54th General Assembly of the Student Government Association consisted mainly of committee chairs, Executive Committee members and advisers recognizing the Senate's accomplishments for the 2005-2006 academic year.

No legislation or new business was brought to the floor in the Thursday night meeting, held after the SGA-sponsored student forum for a Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs candidate

SGA President James Orr was absent from the meeting, but his roommate Jeremy Brown delivered Orr's executive report by proxy.

"(Orr) said thanks for everyone's help and support of everything SGA did this year," Brown said. "He also wanted to thank everyone who ran or who gave their support in the elections."

Academic Affairs Committee Chair Rebecca Dailey hailed Senate's March 23 passing of a resolution recommending the university hire a campuswide internship coordinator. Dailey also applauded the completion of a successful high school leadership conference.

Dailey did not seek reelection to the 55th General Assembly.

Campus Observation Committee Chair David Taylor said his committee will continue to work to get a prominent sign at the Martin city limits hailing the city as the home of \_\_\_\_\_

Lacee North, chair of the Multicultural Affairs Committee, thanked her commitee for their continued diligence through the year. North added that her committee's work is not done; her committee is sponsoring an International Student Appreciation Day on May 1.

SGA adviser and UC Director Steve Vantrease thanked the Senate for the work they've done this year

"You have addressed some issues and got some things done this year," Vantrease told senators. "I want to thank you for participating in the vice chancellor interviews."

Grayson Uldrich, Freshman Council representative, told senators about the recent talent show, sponsored by the Freshman Council. Uldrich will be given the proceeds from the talent show to buy supplies for Hurricane Katrina victims in Gulf Coast region. Uldrich will be going to the region as part of a Kappa Alpha Order service project.

SGA will inaugurate the 55th General Assembly, which will serve during the 2006-2007 academic year, along with the Executive Council, which will be composed of President James Orr, Vice President-elect Chris Cherry and Secretary General-elect Lindsey Sutherland, at noon Friday in UC 206.

All three Executive Committee members hail from the same political party, Effective Connections.

## Digital Printing Services

You are invited to attend an open house for the newly renovated Digital Printing Services on May 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Location: 007 Clement Hall



## Ankle bells and congas all part of senior percussion recital

Rebecca Gray Staff Writer

Senior Benjamin Martin performed in his own percussion recital last Thursday evening in the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine Arts Building. The event was sponsored by the Department of Music.

Martin says that the recital is a way for him to show how he has improved during his time at UTM. He says that he started preparing for it at the beginning of the fall 2005 semester, sometimes arriving on campus to practice as early as 6 a.m.

"It's really weird. I'm more excited than nervous. Once I get into it, I know it will be more about having fun than being nervous," said Martin before the performance.

To begin the program, Martin and accompanist Adrian Baker walked on stage wearing ankle bells to play the exotic "Congastück" on congas, where they used their hands and feet to play the song and also exchanged comedic playfulness for the piece.

For the resonating and hypnotizing "Spring Colors," Martin, on vibraphone, was accompanied by Clint Rawls on marimba. Martin then performed a solo on the marimba for the calm and flowing "Memories of the Seashore."

After an intermission, Martin proved that the tambourine has many unique qualities by playing "Shaken, Not Stirred." He was then accompanied by Bryan Scott and

Benjamin Scott Somerville on marimbas to play the frantic "Stubernic," in which the three would walk around the instruments and play the many sides while switching places with each other.

Martin concluded the recital by expressing his gratitude to several people before playing the powerful "Canned Heat" on a combination of bongos, concert toms, tambourines, gongs, and coffee cans. He later joined his Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity brothers in the Fine Arts Building lobby to sing the traditional "Vive L 'Amour" to the departing audience.

"I think his recital covered the whole array of musical potential through percussion. The pieces were difficult, but they were performed with ease. Ben is a great student leader and a really great guy," says Dr. Julie Hill, Director of Percussion Studies, who worked with Martin in preparation for the recital.

"It was an honor to work with a brother and to have the opportunity to perform with him in his senior recital,"

"It was a great recital, the best one I've been to yet. Ben is a great performer and I enjoy his music a lot," says Matthew Emison, a fellow classmate and fraternity

Martin says his goal is to be a successful educator and to constantly improve in his field.

"I'm glad I made the right decision in coming here to



Benjamin Martin played a variety of percussion instruments to the delight of his audience at his percussion recital.

prepare for my career. The staff has prepared me very well. I would recommend UTM to anyone who is considering music education," Martin says.

"This recital will be something I will never forget. It was one of the most enjoyable experiences I've been a part of," says Martin.

## A celebration of fried okra, hushpuppies, and everything below the Mason-Dixon line

### "Voices of the South" reminds us of why we love living in the South

**Elizabeth Watts** Viewpoints Editor

The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts presented the first performances of "Voices of the South" on April 21 and 22 in the Laboratory Theatre.

"Voices of the South" is a theatre company that performs theatrical works that center around the Southern way of life. Alice Berry and Jenny Odle Madden, two actors from the company, traveled from Memphis to perform "Listening" from One Writer's Beginnings by Eudora Welty and "Humming Song" by Eleanor Glaze.

"Listening" is about a fiction writer from Jackson, Miss., who remembers how her experiences during her childhood made her into a better author. Clocks hanging all over her house, including a huge cuckoo clock in the kitchen, was the first memory she told. Knowing what time it was at any given moment helped the child realize how time and chronology was good for a fiction writer to understand.

The second flashback was when the author learned to read and how she discovered the magic of letters and words. The child read everything she could get her hands on. She talked about how when she read, it was like there was an inner voice reading the story and all she had to do was listen. She said that it helped her "to read as a listener and write as a listener."

One of the funniest memories that the fiction writer remembered was when she would sit around and listen to adults talk. The first memory was when she would sit between her mother and her mother's friend while they drove around town on Sundays and gossiped. The child thought that the gossip was like scenes in a story. The second memory was when an old black seamstress would come make her a few dresses and how the seamstress would gossip about all the other families. The author said that gossip and conversation to adults

were stories for a child.

Looking back, the author realized that a child's imagination was the best thing an author could have. Another great thing was to be able to observe people and their stories and how you learn the best stories when you just sit back and

A line at the end of the play summed up the entire feeling of the play: "As we discover, we remember. As we remember, we discover."

The audience loved the first story. Most people remember a time in their childhood when they sat around and listened to adults talk. The actors did a wonderful job acting like an inquisitive child and an adult looking back.

"Humming Song" by Eleanor Glaze was presented after a short intermission. Memphis was a huge focal point in "Humming Song," but the actors could have been talking about any place in the South.

"Humming Song" was a production about life in the South and how the South had a different feeling than anywhere else in the

Food was the first thing that was mentioned when they were defining the South. Food is an important part of Southern culture. Nowhere else in the world can you get fried okra, hushpuppies, and other southern food. Weather was the second

characteristic that made the South what it was. This part was one that everyone in the audience related to. The actors talked about how hot and humid it was in the summertime and how people would run from air conditioner to air conditioner when they had to be outside. A line in the play said that the South ĥad "humidity, intensity, and no prejudice against adjectives."

Trees were an important part of the South. The women talked about how people would do anything to save the trees, including stopping construction on buildings and roads. Trees offered shade and relief

during the summer time, and Southerners wanted to protect their trees.

Other things that were mentioned were desegregation, the social lives of Southern women, gorgeous cowboys and how life was when you grew old in the

The feeling that the audience gets is that the women think that the old South and that way of life is being lost because of modern things. The women referred to the South as "Old Dixie," and they said that a person really couldn't appreciate the South until you leave and come back. The play was meant to instill a sense of pride in being Southern, and a lot of members in the audience recognized and remembered things that the ladies were mention-

These two plays had very minimal background and stage props. "Listening" only had a old green trunk, and "Humming Song" had a chair and a white cloth that signified the Mississippi River.

Anyone in the audience could see that there were two huge differences between "Voices of the South" and any other production at UTM. First, this performance didn't have anyone from the Vanguard Theatre. No students acted in the two short stories.

Second, the two plays were held in the laboratory theatre in the Fine Arts Building. The laboratory theatre has about 70 chairs and the audience is literally inches from the actors, which gives a very personal feeling to the entire production.

These two plays were wonderful and people could relate to many things that were said in the performance. Everyone needs to see at least one production while at UTM, and Voices of the South is one that I would definitely see again.

If you missed "Voices of the South" this weekend, don't worry. "Voices of the South" will be back next weekend, April 28 and 29, in the laboratory theatre in the Fine Arts Building. "Voices of the South" starts at 8 p.m., but you can buy tickets at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and children and \$10 for general admission.



MEGHAN GREEN/ The Pacer

Award winners in the Visual and Theatre Arts show proudly display their certificates after the show, which was held last Tuesday.

## Congratulations

The following students and faculty were initiated April 18, 2006, into the **UTM** chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, an international honor society founded in 1900.

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## You'll think twice about turning out the light

### Silent Hill is a creepshow you don't want to miss

**Rachel Rogers** Arts & Entertainment Editor

Pyramid Head, bound nurses and fire babies. What more could you ask for in a horror movie?

While the movie may not leave you screaming like a little girl, Silent Hill definitely leaves you thoroughly creeped out. Whether it's the huge and horrifying Pyramid Head, the strange twisted creature that is somehow able to taste you or simply the Darkness itself, you won't be able to make it without feeling a shiver or two run up your spine.

The movie is just the last in a long line of flicks based on best-selling video games. However, unlike most of the video game movies we have today, this one is good and sticks to the premise of the first three Silent Hill games. Thankfully, this is one video game-turned-movie that Uwe Boll, who directed such stunning gems as House of the Dead and Alone in the Dark, didn't get his hands on.

In the movie, we are introduced to a young girl named Sharon (Jodelle Ferland), who has a sleepwalking problem. A very bad sleepwalking problem, that leads her to stand on the edge of cliffs while her parents frantically search for her. And everytime she does this, she always repeats one name over and over: Silent Hill. As it turns out, Silent Hill is a ghost town located in West Virgina.

Sharon's mother, Rose (Radha Mitchell) decides that she should take Sharon to Silent Hill, to see if her daughter can remember what it is she dreams about. Also, she reminds her husband that Sharon, who is in fact adopted, came from somewhere in West Virgina. Could Silent Hill be her home?

However, there is a problem: the entire town is blocked off, due to the fact the town once caught on fire, and that there are still coal fires burning deep underground whose fumes are fatal to anyone who breathes them in for a long period of time.

But that doesn't stop Rose from taking her daughter there, despite her husband Christopher's (Sean Bean) protests. He thinks that they should simply put Sharon back on her medication. Rose, however, insists that the medication doesn't

work, and that she's willing to try anything to help her daughter.

However, things don't go as planned when Rose, running from Officer Cybil Bennet, wrecks her Jeep. When she wakes up, ash is falling from the sky, and Sharon is nowhere to be

Desperate to find her daughter, Rose ventures into Silent Hill, a town that looks as though it's just waiting for people to return at any moment. There's a hotel, a hospital, schools, the works. And in this city, someone is running around who looks like

While Rose is chasing who she believes to be her daughter, and eerie blast of a tornado siren sounds throughout the town. It continues to go on, and a darkness covers the city entirely. This does not deter Rose. Bringing out her trusty lighter that every video game hero or heroine starts out with, she continues to search for her daughter.

This is when we are first introduced to the not-so-nice inhabitants of Silent Hill. Creatures that look like toddlers, but are in fact made of lava and ash, attack her as she moves through the city in darkness. These fire babies continue to multiply and it seems as though Rose has nowhere else to go. But, when it seems as though all hope is lost, the creatures melt away, and Rose falls into a dead faint.

When she awakens, it is light again. No creatures can be found, and a



Rose de Salvia searches for her daughter in the deserted town of Silent Hill.

nearby jukebox is playing Johnny Cash. Was it all just a dream? Not sure of herself, Rose runs back to her Jeep, hoping to find some clue as to where Sharon went. After a quick phone call to her husband, and a futile effort to start her Jeep, Rose once again ecounters Officer Bennet. Now that there are two of them, the women head back into the town to find Sharon.

Most people will probably go into this movie expecting to get terrified and have an excuse to cuddle with whoever they're with. In that aspect, the movie dissapoints. However, it is decidely creepy. Every single one of the creatures, from the fire babies up to Pyramid Head himself will give you the creeps. Every time the siren blows, you will jump in your chair. And even the wicked occupents-human, that is---will leave you shiv-

It's a wonderful adaptation of a video game, but the story is easy enough to follow to people being exposed to Silent Hill for the very first time. The major downside of the movie is the ambiguity of the ending. If you're anything like many people who've seen this, you'll spend the next two hours trying to figure out what exactly happened.

But no matter what, you'll think twice before turning out the light before going to bed at night, wondering what waits in the dark.

#### **Helping Hands Ministry**

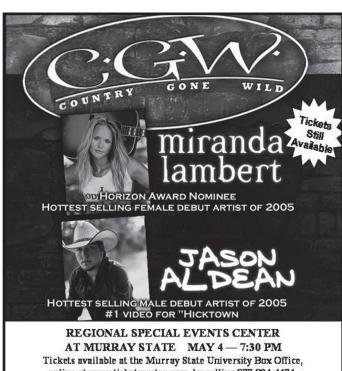
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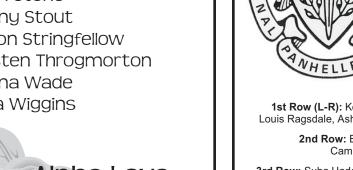
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#### **UTM GREEKS SHINE AT REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Southeastern Panhellenic Conference (SEPC) for 2006 was a huge success for the UTM National Panhellenic Council (NPC). Not only was the university represented well through the examples the ladies presented, but also through an award received.

Kerry Roman, NPC's president and former recruitment chair and philanthropy chair for  $U\bar{T}M$ , nominated the council for their wonderful efforts with community service. The award was given to only two out of 82 schools in the Southeastern division, and UTM was one of those.

Roman said, "I feel it was a great honor that we were chosen for our community service project. The Panhellenic officers and delegates learned at workshops that most schools have never incorporated all greeks and we felt that we had a step up on other councils."

Not only was an award received, but former recruitment chair, Melissa Dixon, had been elected to represent the state of Tennessee for the past year as Administrative Operations and Vendor chair. She was the only student to hold two positions in a state in the southeastern area. She was responsible for relaying all information to the schools across Tennessee and kept in contact with the vendors that attended the conference. She also had to keep minutes and run meetings at SEPC.

Coordinator of Greek Life Louis Ragsdale was the Tennessee State Coordinator Advisor.

Dixon said, "We had a lot of work, but I feel that Louis Ragsdale and I were able to represent the state with great confidence while applying the knowledge we received at Martin." Ragsdale worked side by side with



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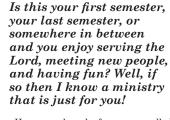
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## **What Holy Young People Are All About**



Have you heard of a group called H.Y.P.E., but you do not know much about it? Well, it is more to H.Y.P.E. than just a name. This is an actual college ministry entitled Holy Young People Empowered or H.Y.P.E.

People Empowered or H.Y.P.E.
Yeah, you may have heard that people in H.Y.P.E are this and they are that and all they do is H.Y.P.E. Or, it is too time consuming. Well, let me clear up some things. This ministry is composed of young people who strive to do the will of God and know that they are not perfect. These young people come from many different walks of life striving to excel academically as well as personally. They have social lives just like anybody else. Some of them are in Student Activities Council, Student Government Association, and even in a fraternity or sorority,

etc. The members of H.Y.P.E encourage you to get involve on campus and/or in the community and make a dif-

H.Y.P.E includes the sub-ministries of Drama, Pantomime Dance, Choir, Poetry, Step, Rap and Media. The mission of H.Y.P.E. is to introduce college students to Jesus Christ and to nurture an abiding relationship with Him through a study of scriptures that will empower them to live by the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Here is a little history about H.Y.P.E. It was established in Fall 2003 by Pastor Alvin J. Summers and former UTM student Minister Candice L. Lampkin. Minster Lampkin over saw the ministry until she graduated in December 2005. After, the graduation of Minister Lampkin, H.Y.P.E was placed under the direction of Minister Nick Glenn and Mrs. Natalie Bovd.

H.Y.P.E. is the mobile link of the 2nd Timothy Ministry at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. This ministry partakes in community service projects, assist with mentoring junior /senior high school students, and different social activities. Our purpose is to serve as an atmosphere that is fun, uplifting, life impacting, lively, and an

atmosphere where students are not ashamed to lift up the name of Jesus Christ in a unique way.

Every semester H.Y.P.E. meets Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center for bible study and every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church street for sunday school.

One of the best ways we can reach the UTM campus and the entire Martin community is through semester series of HYPE NITES: a dramatic/ comedy incorporating song, dance, step, and rap

The first two HYPE NITES were an introduction of H.Y.P.E. to the campus of UTM. The theme was "Intimacy & Relationships: A Godly Man & A Virtuous Woman" (Ephesians 6:10-18) (1 Corinthians 6:16-20). The story was based on the fact that we all struggle with a war between our flesh and spirit. In this struggle a young woman learning that her body is a temple suddenly presents to her boyfriend that she wants to now wait until marriage to have sex. The war new begins

now begins.

The third and fourth HYPE NITES theme was "A P.H.A.T. Purpose: Praising Him Abundantly in Time

& Talents" (Joshua 24:14-15) (Ephesians 1:11-12). The war is still on as many people struggle with their purpose or knowing what there purpose is in life. Our purpose is to bring glory to God in all we say and do and to guide others into the right direction.

The fifth HYPE NITE theme was "Basic Training" (2 Timothy 3:16). In order to go to the next level in Christ, we all must go through basic training in the word of God. We should study to show ourselves approved. We should remain in some form of training such as bible studies to continuously equip us to handle any struggle we may

face.

The sixth HYPE NITE theme is "What About The Children" (Psalm 127:3-5). This is a tribute to children who are struggling to overcome the many obstacles like sex, drugs, peer pressure, having parents who are addictive to drugs. This play is indeed a wake up call to us as college students that we are "our brothers/sisters keepers". There is a war and when we be real with ourselves we will turn our lives over to God.

— Jamilah Holloway



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## Skyhawks take two from Tech in conference play

**UTM Sports Information** 

Skyhawk senior Brett Spivy had a career day Saturday against visiting Tennessee Tech.

He had five hits in the doubleheader, three doubles in the first game and two home runs in the second game.

Spivy's doubles and two RBİs helped the Skyhawks claim a 5-1 victory in the first game.

With the three doubles, Spivy tied a school record for most doubles in a game. He also moved up to No. 10 for most career doubles with 26.

The Skyhawks scored two runs in the bottom of the second. Spivy drove in the first run with a double, while Jason Hockaday drove in the second run.

The Skyhawks scored one run in the fourth when Spivy doubled to left center field to plate Blake Turner who singled up the middle, stole second base and moved to third on a wild

The Skyhawks added two more runs in the seventh inning. Junior college transfer Lance Renton singled up the middle to score Zach Dean and Chad Green.

Tech spoiled the shut-

with one run. The visiting Golden Eagles loaded the bases and scored on Stuart Meinhart's sacrifice fly to center field. Dean went 3for-4 at the plate.

Junior Ådam Ledlow pitched eight innings. He scattered 10 hits and struck out three en route to his second win of the season.

Chadwick Cameron pitched the ninth. He gave up one hit and struck out

Tech scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to claim a 7-5 win over host UTM in the second game of the doubleheader Šaturdav afternoon.

The Skyhawks built a 5-2 lead after four innings. Spivy's bat came alive again. This time he hit two home runs and drove in three of the five runs.

Tech chipped away at the lead, scoring two runs in the sixth inning.

Cameron took the mound in the seventh inning for the Skyhawks in search of his sixth save of the season, but Tech went crazy against the Skyhawk closer and scored three runs on four hits.

Stuart Minehart, the brother of Skyhawk graduate assistant coach Mark Meinhart, drove in a run

out in the top of the eighth with a double down the right field line. Brantly Kilgore drove in two runs with a single. However, Kilgore was thrown out at second trying to stretch the hit into a double.

> Cameron suffered the loss and fell to 3-2 on the year. Matt Kearney picked up the win for Tech. He pitched four innings and gave up two hits and one run.

Tech piled up 13 hits in the game. Minehart, Jake New, Scott Dunham and Ryan Wardlow had two hits each to lead Tech.

Sophomore Chris Rezabek had two hits for the Skyhawks, while Spivy hit the two home runs.

Renton singled to right center field with two outs in the bottom of the tenth inning to drive in the winning run for the Skyhawks in the final game of the series. The Skyhawks claimed a 6-5 victory over the Ea-

The Skyhawks improved to 16-24 overall and 7-8 in the OVC standings with the win, while Tech falls to 14-27 overall and 7-8 in the league race.

Junior Scott McLean scored from second base on Renton's single. McLean opened the tenth inning with a leadoff walk against



**SPORTS INFORMATION** 

Junior Jason Hockaday attempts to tag the runner out at first base during Saturday's double header against Tennessee Tech.

Kilgore.

Freshman pitcher Patrick Kimmons came in to face Zane Gresback and juggled Gresback's bunt that came right back to the mound. McLean was safe at second and Gresback was safe at first.

Kimmons settled down and got Green and Dean to fly out, before Renton delivered the game-winning hit.

Tech jumped out to a 5-2 lead in the seventh inning, but the Skyhawks answered back with two runs in the

bottom half of the seventh inning and the tying run in the bottom of the eighth inning. Green plated McLean with a sacrifice fly to center field for the tying run.

Micky Dobson picked up his third win of the season to even his record at 3-3.

Dobson relieved Ryan Rockholt in the seventh inning and only allowed one hit and one run in the four innings he worked.

Junior Douglas Nicodemus led the Skyhawks at the plate with a 3-for-3 ef-

fort. With the three hits he successfully extended his hitting streak to 15 games. Green and Rezabek drove in two runs each for the Skyhawks.

Tech's effort was led by Brian Sprowl who went 2for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored. Sprowl hit a two-run home run in the seventh inning to give Tech a 5-2 advantage.

The Skyhawks return to action tomorrow when they play at Mississippi Valley State.

## Softball sweeps EKU Lady Colonels in home series



SPORTS INFORMATION

2006 O'Reily OVC Men's

**Golf Championship** 

Freshman pitcher Ashley Myatt winds up for the pitch to the Eastern Ky. Lady Colonels during this past weekend's OVC series. Myatt's record stands at 13-7 in her debut season as a Skyhawk.

**Brad Hurt** Assistant Sports Editor

The Skyhawk softball team took advantage of dominant pitching, solid defense, and even a Bill Buckner moment to sweep Eastern Kentucky this weekend.

The Skyhawks scored a total of two runs on Saturday, sweeping the two games by identical 1-0

Freshman Ashley Myatt Skyhawks. Myatt allowed only two hits and one walk in a complete game effort.

She took a no-hitter into the fifth inning before a leadoff single by EKU's Keri Macinsky.

Offensively, Skyhawks rapped out seven hits but struggled to advance runners.

The first two Skyhawk hitters reached base to start the game, but Brittany Nash was thrown out at third base and Savannah Roberts grounded out to end the inning.

Greer Long led off the third inning with a double for the Skyhawks but was called out for leaving the base early.

Justine Pineda scored the only run of the game in the sixth inning. Pineda hit a single with

one out in the inning and promptly stole second base. The junior college trans-

fer from Chandler, Ariz. went 2-for-3 at the plate in the game. Immediately following

Pineda's steal, Jennifer Young doubled to drive her home with what would prove to be the game-winning run.

Myatt hit the first batter provided another stellar of the seventh inning but reached on a fielder's start in the opener for the regained her composure choice play, but a strikeout to retire the next three batters in order to end the game.

> The second half of the doubleheader featured a continuation of the first game's pitching but ended with a unique twist.

The Skyhawks managed only two hits to the Lady Colonels' five, but came away victorious when a groundball went through the legs of EKU third baseman Amy Mayrhofer.

Pineda scored on the play, which was similar to Buckner's error in game six of the 1986 World Se-

Ashton Strode started the game for the Skyhawks. Her counterpart, Kalyn Fox, had a perfect game until the bottom

of the sixth inning when Skyhawk Lauren Manna singled to left field for the home team's first hit.

Strode allowed three hits in the first two innings before settling down. After that she didn't allow a baserunner until the sixth inning

The Skyhawk bats were silent until the sixth inning when Manna and Fallon Lowery put together consecutive hits.

then Christa Webb and groundout prevented the Skyhawks from putting a run on the board.

The Lady Colonels saw their best scoring opportunity of the game slip away in the top of the seventh inning.

Their first two hitters reached base before a groundout and consecutive strikeouts snuffed out the threat.

Sunday's series finale showcased the Skyhawk offense as the team dominated EKU, 7-1, to com-

plete the sweep. The final score was especially lopsided considering that the teams each recorded six hits in the game.

The Skyhawks got off to a quick start by scoring

two runs on three hits in the first inning.

The Skyhawks capitalized on three EKU errors in the game.

They added to their lead in the third inning without managing a base hit.

Nash reached on an error to start the inning and advanced to second base on the throw. She moved to third base on a sacrifice bunt by Brandy Whalen.

Nash scored an unearned run when she crossed the plate ahead of the tag of EKU catcher Becky Werle.

Two EKU errors in the sixth led to four more Skyhawk runs.

Whalen reached base on an error to start the inning. Pineda drew a walk before Savannah Roberts doubled to make the score 4-0 in fa-

vor of the Skyhawks. Lowery and drove in runs to put the Skyhawks up 7-0 entering thé final inning.

Myatt recorded her 12th complete game of the year.

The wins improved the Skyhawks' record to 32-30-1 on the season and 13-8 in the OVC.

The team will return to action this weekend when they travel to Jacksonville State for a three-game set.

## Golf in third place after round two of OVC Championship

#### Country Club of Paducah Paducah, Kentucky <u>Day 1</u> **Day 2** <u>Total</u> <u>Team</u> **Eastern Kentucky University** 287 581 294 289 589 **Tennessee Tech University** 300 591 **TENNESSEE MARTIN** 299 292 **Morehead State University** 296 296 592 296 595 **Jacksonville State University** 299 299 599 **Murray State University** 300 295 600 **Austin Peay State University** 305 295 305 600 **Samford University** 304 609 **Eastern Illinois University** 305 303 613 **Tennessee State University** 310 **Skyhawk Individuals Day 1 Day 2** <u>Total</u> T2 Robert Lents 69 143 76 T 17 Bradley Stevens 73 149 T 20 Reise Kelly 79 71 150 76 T 27 Trey McNeil 76 152 T 30 Hunter Prescott 76 77 153

**Matthew Maxey** Staff Photographer

After a second round 292, the Skyhawk golf team is sitting in prime position to pick up their best finish ever at the O'Reily OVC Men's Golf Championship.

UTM is in third place with a two day total of 591, trailing Eastern Kentuky (581) and Tennessee Tech (589).

The Skyhawks are led by sophomore Robert Lents who fired a second round 3-under-par 69 and is tied for second place with a two day total of

Freshman Shawn Tipton of Morehead State holds a 4-sroke lead on the field wtih a two day 139.

Skyhawk freshman 30th place. golfer Bradley Stevens who was tied for second place after day one fell into a tie for 17th after a second round 4-over-par

Skyhawk Senior and team captain, Reise Kelly rebounded from a first round 7-over-par 79 with a second round 1-underpar 71 to move up the leaderboard into a tie for 20th place.

Junior Trey McNeil fired back-to-back 4-overpar 76's in the first two rounds and is locked in a tie for 27th place, while junior Hunter Prescott has not been able to find a rythm posting a two day 153 total after firing a first round 76 and second round 77 to sit in a tie for

The Skyhawks will continue thier quest for the first ever OVC golf championship in school history during today's final round.

UTM has finished third two times before, in 1994 and 1995, but never any higher. If the Skyhawks can win they will advance to the NCAA Tournament on May 18-20.

Lents who finished a disapointing 23rd in last year's championship will tee off in the final group of today's pairings. He is looking to overcome Tipton's 4-stroke lead and become the first individual medalist in UTM history.

Get final round results at www.utmsports.com.



**Sophomore Robert Lents** chips up to the 7th green during Tuesday's OVC Tournament in Paducah, Ky. Lents is tied for second place overall and leading the Skyhawks who are tied for third.

## Football ends spring practice with scrimmage

**UTM Sports Information** 

The Skyhawk football team, under the direction of first-year head coach Jason Simpson, wrapped up spring practice with a controlled scrimmage Thursday night at Hardy M. Graham

Simpson said he was pleased with the spring practices.

"I felt like we were able to get our offensive and defensive foundations put in place."

With the close of spring practice Simpson must find a quarterback to replace four-year starter Brady Wahl-

Simpson used four quarterbacks, James Pritchard (6-3, 200, Jr.), Greg Preston (6-4, 220, Fr.), Dexter Anoka (5-9, 160, Fr.) and Drew Jackson (6-3, 190, So.), in Thursday night's scrim-

Pritchard completed four of eight passes for 123 yards and a touchdown, while Preston completed six of 11 passes for 110 yards and a touchdown.

Anoka completed five of eight passes for 18 yards, while Jackson completed one of four for 15 yards.

The four quarterbacks hooked up with a receiving corps led by newcomer Jesse Burton (5-10, 185, Jr.) and rising senior Cole Duncan (6-4, 215)

who had two catches for 64 yards. Duncan hauled in the longest pass of the scrimmage, a 61-yard bomb from

Two of the three touchdowns scored in the game were a result of the passing attack Burton caught one TD strike, while Jamaal Akbar (6-0, 195, So.) hauled in the other. Burton had four catches for 65 yards.

The Skyhawk running game was equally impressive. Josh Chapman (6-0, 215, RFr.) led the charge with 11 carries for 31 yards, while Jaymond Perry (5-10, 215, RSo.) finished up with four carries for 30 yards and a touchdown.

The Skyhawk defense recorded four sacks, a QB hurry and a pass breakup.

Josh Yarbrough (LB, 6-2, 235 So.) a junior college transfer from Reedley College in California, Andrian Pruitt (LB, 6-0, 195), Tirrdell Byrd (DE, 6-0, 255, Fr.) and Anthony Ivy (S, 6-0, 175, So.) all recorded sacks.

Running backs Donald Chapman and Justin Glover did not participate in the controlled scrimmage because of injuries.

David Gilmore, a junior linebacker from Cordova also missed the scrimmage because of an injury. All three players will return to the team for







Feeling down? Don't worry. We'll be back Aug. 29 with more sports.

## Women, men fall in second round of Ohio Valley tennis tournament

**Amy Eddings** Sports Editor

Both the Skyhawk men and womtennis teams fell to Tennessee Tech in the second round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

The women's which had gone undefeated to pick up the regular season title and had a first round bye, was defeated 4-1 by No. 4 Tech.

TTU won the doubles ford women's team would point after UTM was only able to grab

> a single win from the pair of Elizma Schoon e e s and Ernestine Koornhof.

Two of the singles matches were suspended due to weather and the Skyhawk women were only able to take one point

on the win from Schoo-The No. 3 ranked Samgo on to defeat TTU for the tournament title.

The men's team who finished the regular season in fourth place, grabbed a 4-2 win over Eastern Ky. in the first round before falling 4-0 to first place ranked Tech in the second round. TTU, the regular season men's champ would go on to grab the tourney title as well.

The men were unable to grab any wins in both doubles and singles play.

And as with the women's matches, three of the singles matches were suspended to the incliment weather.

## Brett Spivy has been named Skyhawk of the Week.

Senior catcher Brett Spivy had three doubles and two home runs in the weekend series against Tenn. Tech. Over the past five games, he has posted a .526 batting average, a 1.000 slugging percentage and a .591 on-base percentage.

He is currently in ninth place on UTM's all-time doubles list and is tied for sixth for career home runs with 15. The three doubles in the first game tied a school single game record.

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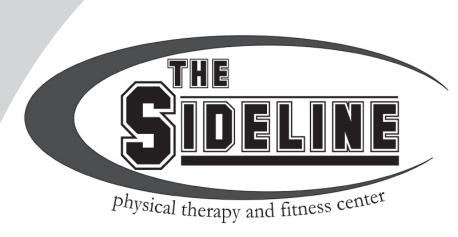
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